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Change: Hospitalized Students at the Brattleboro Retreat

To: Superintendents, Special Education Administrators, Principals, and Business Managers

This memo outlines for schools their responsibilities for students hospitalized at the Brattleboro Retreat, who will no longer be considered “state-placed.” School districts are responsible to determine what educational services are to be offered to these students, and to pay for educational services offered to hospitalized students. View the complete memo at

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_interagency.html#retreat.

Contact: Mike Mulcahy, Interagency Coordinator at (802) 828-5108 or mike.mulcahy@state.vt.us or Deb Quackenbush at (802) 828-5877 or deb.quackenbush@state.vt.us

Grant Application: 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Application for 2009-2010

Audience: All

The 21st Community Learning Centers grant competition is designed for the purpose of creating and maintaining high-quality afterschool learning opportunities. An estimated 1.5 million dollars are available for dispersal. Letters of Intent are due November 20, 2009. Applications are due February 12, 2010. Visit the 21C Web site at http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_federal/21st_CCLC.html#grant and the Vermont afterschool Wiki: <http://vermontafterschool.pbworks.com/>.

Contact: Emanuel Betz at (802) 828-0557 or emanuel.betz@state.vt.us

Crisis Prevention Institute: Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Instructor Training

Audience: Superintendents, Special Educators, Behavior Intervention Contacts (Participants attending this training must be endorsed by the superintendent)

The Vermont BEST Team is hosting a Nonviolent Crisis Intervention instructor training program offered by the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI). The Four-Day Instructor Certification Program will allow you to have a CPI instructor on your staff that will provide you the flexibility to train school personnel whenever it is most convenient for your in-service schedule. Individuals selected by the supervisory union should be carefully considered around the following characteristics: strong professional attitude of empathy and compassion, knowledge and understanding of best practices in managing challenging behaviors, physical and verbal competency, strong presentation skills. Go to

http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html#non_violent.

Questions, Contact: Sherry Schoenberg at sherscho@sover.net or (802) 656-9656

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From the Vermont Principals Association:

An Evening for Elementary School Leaders

Audience: Elementary School Principals

St. Michael's College, Vermont Room in Aliot Student Center; Wednesday, November 18th, 5 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. This initial evening will accommodate 25 elementary school leaders for refreshments followed by dinner. There is no cost to participants. Ken Page, VPA Executive Director and Brian O'Regan, Coordinator of the St. Michael's College Graduate School of Education Leadership Program will facilitate the evening program. Marilyn Neagley from *Talk About Wellness* will also join us. John Everitt, Superintendent of South Burlington Schools will join the group to share remarks about South Burlington's

program followed by Dr. Lantieri's presentation. Since there is limited seating, please respond prior to November 10th for planning purposes. Funding for the evening is provided by *Talk About Wellness*. Contact: RSVP to Wendy Scott at wscott@vpaonline.org or call (802) 229-0547

From the Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation:

Environmental Education Grants

Audience: School Administrators

The Grants Program sponsored by EPA's Environmental Education Division (EED), Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education, supports environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to help people make informed decisions that affect environmental quality. EPA awards grants each year based on funding appropriated by Congress. Annual funding for the program ranges between \$2 and \$3 million. Most grants will be in the \$15,000 to \$25,000 range. Deadline to apply is December 15, 2009.

For more information: <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html>

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For the Department of Education Web site see: <http://education.vermont.gov/>. For upcoming events or professional development opportunities, see the DOE Calendar of Events located at: <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/calendar.html>.

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